

**GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, October 21, 2015  
Groton Public Library  
7:00 p.m., Director's Office

- I) Call to order
- II) Roll call
- III) Public Comments
- IV) Communications
- V) Approval of minutes of the September 16, 2015 Special Library Board meeting.
- VI) Review of September statistics
- VII) Director's Report
  - A) **Library Renovation Project**
    - i) Looking Forward, Giving Back
      - (1) Neighborhood Assistance Act
        - (a) The Library received word that Groton Utilities plans to participate in the Neighborhood Assistance Act program and will offer \$75,000 towards the Library's project to replace two roof top heat pump units and split air conditioning systems with more energy efficient units. With that donation, fundraising has reached about \$114,000.
      - (2) Calendar Fundraiser
        - (a) 2016 calendars featuring local history photographs from the collections of Jim Streeter and Michael Spellmon are being sold for \$10.00 at the Library as a fundraiser for this project. The calendars will also be available at the Fall Festival.
      - (3) Donations – The Library is still accepting contributions to the renovation project. They may be made online by clicking on the "Donate Now" button at [www.grotonpl.org](http://www.grotonpl.org) or by picking up a donation envelope at the Library.
  - B) **Library Activities**
    - (1) One Book, One Region
      - (a) The fourteenth annual "One Book, One Region" kickoff took place on Tuesday, October 13, at 6 p.m. at Branford House, University of Connecticut, Avery Point. The

2015 “one book,” *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson, was introduced to the audience at the event.

- (b) The OBOR Committee is pleased to announce that Connecticut College has signed on as a major sponsor of this year’s program. Through their generous support, Bryan Stevenson will appear at Palmer Auditorium on April 4, 2016.
  - (c) *Just Mercy* is an award-winning account of an idealistic young lawyer’s coming of age, a look into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.
  - (d) Stevenson has won numerous awards including the MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Prize and the National Medal of Liberty from the American Civil Liberties Union. *Just Mercy* was named by *Time Magazine* as one of the 10 Best Books of Nonfiction for 2014.
- (2) Connecticut Submarine Century
- (i) Director is chairing the library subcommittee of the CT Submarine Century Committee. Area libraries will meet on October 23 to plan programs to tie in with the celebration.
- (3) Children’s Programs
- (i) Programming for children continues to be very popular. The Library offers literature-based programs for all ages, hands-on art, math and science programs and outreach programs at area nursery schools. 969 children attended library programs during the month of September.
- (4) Adult Programs
- (i) 428 adults attended programs in September. Programs included the Local History Fair, films, book discussions, computer classes and outreach to area nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

**C) Personnel**

- (1) Administrative Assistant Kathy Greenleaf announced her retirement after more than 32 years as a Town employee. Her last day will be November 27.
- (2) Betty Anne will be away from October 27 – November 13. Jenn Miele and Cindy Wright can be contacted if any issues arise.

**VIII) New Business**

**A) 2016 Meeting Dates**

**IX) Old Business**

**X) Adjournment**